SUBJECT No. 159.

Malnad improvement.

Messrs. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Information may kindly be furnished regarding the detailed and full programme of work drawn up by the Malnad Improvement Committees for the year 1914-15 and also of progress made hitherto in the various schemes.

(*b*) Arrangements for affording greater facilities for medical relief in the malnad may kindly be expedited.

(*c*) The employment of public funds in weeding out or removing lantana under present conditions may be prohibited.

(*d*) Elementary Education Regulation may be put in force extensively in the malnad.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah added that lantana once removed would grow again and suggested that an agreement should be taken from the people that they would keep the ground free from lantana for a stated period, and that otherwise public funds would be wasted.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao and *C. Subba Rao* also spoke on the subject. *Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao* said that the Malnad Improvement Committees were in favor of burning lantana in summer. *Mr. Subba Rao* said that some villages in the Hunsur taluk were completely over-run by lantana growth and that many had been deserted. *Mr. Srinivasa Rao* said that legislation was necessary.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) The committees will be asked to publish the programmes and progress reports locally. The proceedings of the Central Committee may be published in the Gazette.

(*b*) Being expedited.

(*c*) Noted.

(*d*) Noted. It is a question of funds.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Decimation of the malnad population.

Mr. H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Reasonable facilities may be afforded to the official and non-official gentlemen to study in detail the causes for the decimation of the malnad population with a view to obtain fuller information regarding the many forces that have been operating adversely in the said area.

Reply of Government.—Whatever is possible is being done. The Deputy Commissioners will afford all reasonable and needful facilities.

MUZRAI.

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SUBJECT No. 161.

Rules pertaining to *Dharmadarsis.*

Messrs. Dodda Payanna, Hassan taluk, K. Tammiah and Kesavadasiengar, Belur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The object of Government is frustrated by not appointing *Dharmadarsis* periodically and not clearly defining their powers. In order that the intention of the Government may be fulfilled, it is desirable

that the responsibility for the management of the institutions be left in the hands of *Dharmadarsis*. It is therefore prayed that the existing rules on the subject be modified.

Reply of Government.—The committee appointed to study and report upon Muzrai matters have also considered this question and submitted their proposals. The revised rules are under the consideration of Government and will be passed early.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Payments for works done in the Muzrai Department.

Messrs. Ramaswamiengar and Dodda Payanna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under the present system, estimates for works to Muzrai institutions are being sanctioned by Government. The work bills are paid after they are passed by Government and this occasions long delay in the payment of such bills. Consequently it is difficult to find contractors to take up the works, and the sanctioned amounts for some of these works lapse, as the works are not undertaken for years together. To obviate these difficulties, it is prayed that the amounts of the estimates may be placed at the credit of the Deputy Commissioners, and that they may be empowered to pass such bills and make payments for works executed and that the limit of the Deputy Commissioner's power of sanction may be raised from Rs. 50 to Rs. 250.

Mr. Amble Anniah Pandit brought to notice that measurements are not promptly taken by the Taluk Sanitary Inspector owing to his multifarious duties and that the remedy lies in having a separate Work Inspector for each taluk.

Reply of Government.—The grant of higher powers to Deputy Commissioners to sanction repairs of institutions and to pass bills is under consideration of Government.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Jatra collections of temples.

Messrs. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk, Dhalappa and Narasimhaiya, Anekal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The surplus collections from the jatras of temples may, subject to the control of a committee appointed therefor, be utilised for providing quarters and other conveniences to the pilgrims that attend the jatras.

Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao added that during jatras particularly at Magadi and Sugganahalli, a great deal of difficulty is being experienced for want of drinking water for cattle and accommodation for persons and animals collecting there, etc., and requested that necessary conveniences may be provided in the matter.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 164.

Repairs to Muzrai institutions.

Mr. Ramachandrappa Dube, Kumsi sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For petty repairs to Muzrai institutions, sanction of funds has to be obtained from the Muzrai Secretary. This procedure involves delay